GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5583
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2001
FIRING ON INDIAN SOLDIERS IN KASHMIR
BABUBHAI KHIMABHAI KATARA

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the terrorists occupied a mosque in Kashmir on July 30, 2001 and opened fire on Indian soldiers killing and injuring some of them;

(b) whether the Indian soldiers killed the terrorists in retaliation;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to avoid the recurrence of such incidents in future; and

(e) the compensation paid to the soldiers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5583 29.8.2001

On 30th July 2001, three terrorists took shelter in a Ziarat adjacent toa mosque in village Goigam of Baramullah District.In the ensuing operation, all the three terrorists, later identified as Gulam Mustafa Khan, Zahoor Ahmed Zarar and Forooq Ahmed reportedly from Hizbul Mujahideen were killed. No Army personnel was killed. However, one Army personnel was wounded during the conduct of the operation.

All efforts have been made to educate the local population to dissuade the terrorists from taking shelter in religious places. Besides this, operational measures have also been instituted to prevent such misuse.

Local commanders are authorised to deal with each situation on a case to case basis.